

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Superintendents and Building Principals

FROM: Dr. George Frampton, Chief School Certification Officer

DATE: January 4, 2010

SUBJECT: Professional Development Grant

In late October, the Department of Education communicated that the balance of the 2009-2010 Professional Development Grant account had been frozen, pending a review of declining state revenues. Deepening revenue shortfalls have now required that these funds be re-allocated to the state general fund to continue normal government services.

There will be no further payments to schools during the 2009-2010 academic year grant cycle. The initial distribution of \$1,250 will be the only funding that buildings will receive. No determination has been made regarding the 2010-2011 funding.

The Department is committed to the grant program structured within the confines of fund availability. However, in these very volatile economic times, much of the funding for programs and grants is dependent on the revenues collected within the state.